

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:** Carlos Silva, Chair; Angel dePara, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, James Holloway, M. Evette Brantley (6:12 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Larry Osborne, Labor Relations & Benefits Administration; Chuck Paris, Police Union President, Local 1159; Stephen Layton, Public Facilities; Bieu Tran, Public Facilities; Veronica Jones, Acting Tax Collector; Mark Anastasi, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Silva called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Approval of Committee Minutes of May 8, 2012**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2012.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2012 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**76-11 Proposed Tentative Agreement with Police Union, Local 1159 regarding their bargaining unit contract.**

Mr. Osborne explained that the handout he was distributing was not the full contract, but simply selected items.

Mr. Pierce said that he had a stipulation regarding the first item on the Synopsis and outlined the fact that the 18% change was not immediate. He said that this was a mistake on the handout, but correct in the contract. Mr. Osborne agreed. Council Member Holloway said that he would like the City to come in and present their case following by the union presenting their case. Mr. Osborne then said that both he and Mr. Paris had agreed that this was a mistake on the handout. Council Member Holloway objected and repeated that the City had to present their case first, followed by the Union. Council Member Silva said that he wished to review the material first.

*Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.*

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM BECAUSE THE INFORMATION WAS NOT DELIVERED IN A TIMELY MANNER.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (BRANTLEY, HOLLOWAY, VIZZO-PANICCIA) TWO AGAINST (DEPARA AND SILVA).**

Council Member Holloway said that he did not know when this information was released but he did not receive it. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she did not do electronics, and only will receive items in print. Council Member de Para said that this item was referred to the Committee on April 18th. Council Member Holloway stated several times that he was leaving and that the meeting was over. Mr. Osborne informed the Chair that he had presented this document to the City Clerk back in March. He then asked when the next meeting would be scheduled.

*Atty. Anastasi joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.*

Mr. Osborne asked if there was any possibility of scheduling a special meeting before or on June 18th. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that other Council Members would be able to attend on the 18th. Council Member Silva said that he would try to schedule this for 5:30 p.m. on the 18th.

**86-11 Assignment of Tax Liens for Fiscal year 2012.**

Ms. Jones said that this item involved tax liens. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia and Council Member Holloway said that they did not received the back up materials. Council Member Brantley said that she never gets all the information. Atty. Anastasi suggested the Committee recess the meeting so that the information could be distributed and reviewed.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE JUNE 18TH MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 86-11 ASSIGNMENT OF TAX LIENS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Holloway announced that he does not do electronics and that there needs to be a way to deal with this. Council Member Silva said that he would discuss this with the City Clerk to see if hard copies could be put in the Council Members mail boxes

**88-11 Proposed Arena Billboard Lease Agreement Among Arena Operator, Independent Outdoor III, LLC and the City of Bridgeport.**

There was no one present to address this issue.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 88-11 PROPOSED ARENA BILLBOARD LEASE AGREEMENT AMONG ARENA**

**OPERATOR, INDEPENDENT OUTDOOR III, LLC AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**93-11 Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Milone & Macbroom, Inc. for architectural and engineering services related to South Avenue and Iranistan Avenue street scape gateway development.**

Mr. Layton said that he was present representing Mr. Graybarz and displayed a site plan showing Sikorsky Aircraft District Improvement Plan. He said the project would include the beautification and repairing sidewalks along with connecting the area with Seaside Park. Approval of the project would allow the City to start working on contacting the neighbors and moving the design forward.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked what kind of planning had been done in terms of future maintenance. Mr. Layton said that part of the existing conditions were because the area had not been maintained in a long time. Part of the plan was to involve Sikorsky for possible partnership in the project for assistance in maintenance. By creating footpaths and bike lanes, it will improve the area. Discussion followed.

Council Member Holloway asked Atty. Anastasi about the area and identifying what the City does own in the portion. He indicated where a desolate parking lot was and said that the City had not come to terms as to who owns what. The proposed street scape was between a quarter mile and half mile long.

Atty. Anastasi said that he would have to start doing research at the Tax Assessor's. He said that he had not been asked in his office to determine who owns the streets.

Council Member Holloway said that the first street scape that was done was Boston Avenue, and the trees that were put in pushed up the sidewalks. Atty. Anastasi said that there was very little doubt about whether the City put in the trees.

Council Member Holloway asked who owned the shoreline of the branch of the river there. Atty. Anastasi said that the property owners own to the mean high water line and beyond that, it is public property, but also pointed out that the river grade was fairly steep there and there was no beach to speak of.

Council Member Silva asked how much this would cost. Mr. Layton said that the Malone & Macbroom was listed at \$189,808, but that the entire project would cost 2 million. Council Member dePara said that this project was included in the Capital Budget. Council Member Holloway asked Council Member de Para if the abutting property owners were notified of this project. Council Member dePara said that he was only answering the question about where the

money was coming from. Council Member dePara said he didn't know anything about the property owners.

Council Member Holloway then asked Mr. Layton if the property owners had been notified. Mr. Layton said that there had been a number of meeting with business owners and the NRZ leadership. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there had been a North End project that had been notified, but the final design had been changed repeatedly and the end product was nothing like what they had originally approved. Council Member Holloway said that having poor sidewalks causes people to trip and fall and this made the City liable.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked if the District's Council Members had been notified. She pointed out that the NRZs were nice, but the Council had the final approval. Council Member Brantley said that she believed the Council Members had been in touch with the NRZs. Mr. Layton said that this was just for the RFP for the design. Discussion followed.

Council Member Holloway said that there were six tennis courts removed. at Seaside Park. He said that he would love to see Sikorsky donate the desolate parking lot for the tennis courts and skateboarding

Council Member Brantley said that she would like to see Sikorsky partnering with the City and give back to the City.

Atty. Anastasi said that the abutters would not have any more liability than they would under normal circumstances.

Council Member Silva said that this area had always been desolate and wanted to know if there was something that would be there to add to the draw. Mr. Layton said that vacant areas could be considered for open spaces. The discussion moved to whether Santa Fuel would be asked to partner with the City on this.

Council Member Brantley Holloway said that right now, the tennis courts are being used by skate boarders and there was only one skate board park.

Council Member Holloway said that he wanted the presenters to go back and speak to the abutters. It was pointed out that right now there was no proposals to present. This was to just explore the possibilities.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the vacant land should be researched and also the maintenance costs for the project. It was pointed out that there was no project yet, so maintenance couldn't be known. Discussion followed.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that if there is a skate park, there would be risk of injury and the City would be liability.

Council Member dePara asked if there was back up information. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she had received hard copy earlier.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that this was for a study for a potential design. She pointed out that Atty. Anastasi had not read the proposed resolution. Council Member dePara stated that Atty. Anastasi had been requested to attend for legal questions and reference.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 93-11 PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MILONE AND MACBROOM, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO SOUTH AVENUE AND IRANISTAN AVENUE STREET SCAP GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **RECESS**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO RECESS THE MEETING TO JUNE 18TH.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING TO JUNE 18TH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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